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*Philippians 4:8 (New King James Version)*



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Paul's First Imprisonment

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- The Focus for Joy Chapter 1
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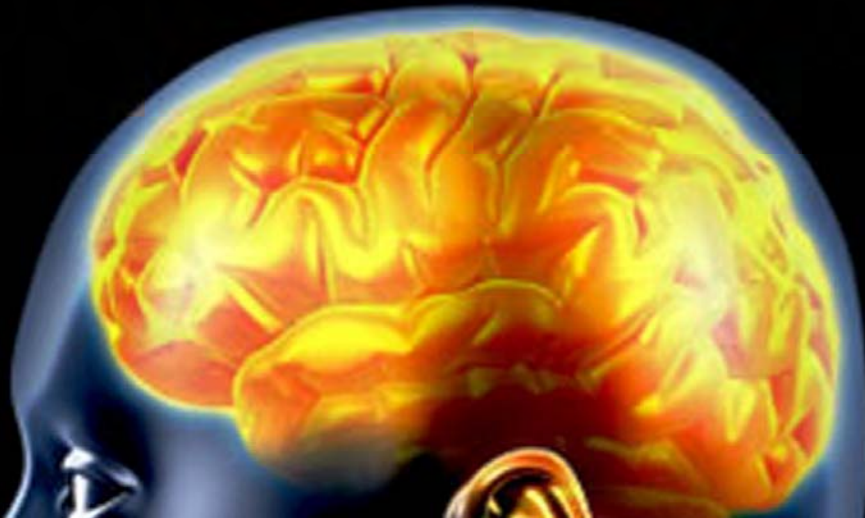


## THE PROVISIONS FOR JOY

- Rejoicing in God 4:4
- Self-giving to others 4:5
- Praying instead of worry 4:6-7
- Thinking properly 4:8



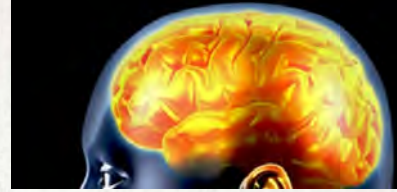
# Your *Mind* Matters



**Philippians 4:8-9**

**Encouragement for  
controlling  
your thoughts**





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*There is no peace, says the LORD...*

Isaiah 48:22





*There is no peace, says the LORD, for the wicked.*

Isaiah 48:22

Actions and Thoughts  
bring about problems



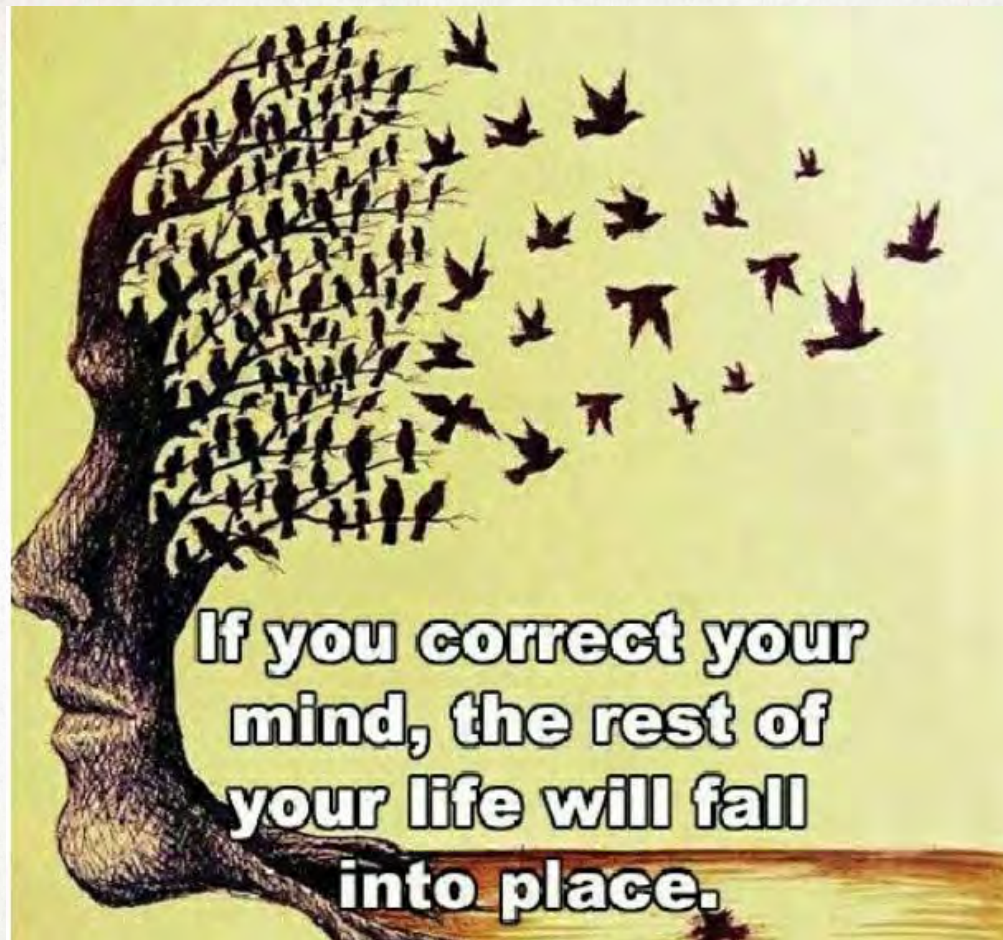


*Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.  
Proverbs 4:23 (New King James Version)*



As a man thinketh  
in his heart  
So he is....

Proverbs 23:7



**If you correct your  
mind, the rest of  
your life will fall  
into place.**



The weapons we fight with are not  
the weapons of the world. On the contrary,  
they have **DIVINE**  
**POWER** to demolish strongholds.  
We demolish arguments and every pretension  
that sets itself up against the knowledge of God,  
and we take captive every thought  
to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5





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Why?



**Steal**

**Kill**

**Destroy**



**Steal**

**Kill**

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# THINK ON THESE THINGS

Philippians 4:8

**Whatever things are ...**

Rope keeps others out  
We keep thoughts out





# THINK ON THESE THINGS

Philippians 4:8



**Whatever things are true**

*... Your word is truth – John 17:17*

*... The devil... he is a liar and the father of it. - John 8:44*

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# LIES of the DEVIL





# The Devil Is A Liar!

**Consider carefully what you hear!**

The Devil comes to take away the Word of God from your heart,  
by filling your mind with the voices of  
fear,  
greed, and  
lust.


The Devil tempts you to worry about tomorrow,  
to covet the deceitfulness of wealth, and  
to lust after your physical desires.

Jesus said,  
"Take heed what you hear."

Then don't listen to the voices  
that make you afraid,  
that lead you away from Jesus, or  
that say--"everyone does it."

## **Don't Listen to the Devil's Lies!**

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Satan might be telling  
you that you messed up  
you did too much wrong  
that there is no hope for  
you....

## The Devil is a liar

The mercies of the  
LORD are new every  
morning: Great is His  
Faithfulness.

Lamentations

3:23



# THINK ON THESE THINGS

Philippians 4:8



Whatever things are **true**

**Opposite – False**

# THINK ON THESE THINGS

Philippians 4:8



## Whatever things are **noble**

*Serious – Courageous – Integrity – Worthy of Respect*





# THINK ON THESE THINGS

Philippians 4:8



Whatever things are **noble**

**Opposite – Selfish**

# THINK ON THESE THINGS

Philippians 4:8



Whatever things are **just**

*Right* –





# THINK ON THESE THINGS

Philippians 4:8



Whatever things are **pure**

*King David  
&  
Uriah*



# THINK ON THESE THINGS

Philippians 4:8



Whatever things are **pure**

**Opposite – Unclean**



# THINK ON THESE THINGS

Philippians 4:8



## Whatever things are lovely

*Pleasing – Agreeable*

*No Strife – Brotherly Love*



# THINK ON THESE THINGS

Philippians 4:8



Whatever things are **lovely**

**Opposite – Hate**



# THINK ON THESE THINGS

Philippians 4:8



Whatever things are **good report**

*Helpful - encouraging*



# THINK ON THESE THINGS

Philippians 4:8



Whatever things are **good report**

**Opposite – Critical**



# THINK ON THESE THINGS

Philippians 4:8



## If there is any **virtue**

*Excellent, tops, real good quality  
What is proper rather than what is wrong*



# THINK ON THESE THINGS

Philippians 4:8



If there is any **virtue**

**Opposite – Inferior – just get by**



# THINK ON THESE THINGS

Philippians 4:8



If there is anything **praiseworthy**

*Always seeing & giving praise*

*Joshua and Caleb*



# THINK ON THESE THINGS

Philippians 4:8



If there is anything **praiseworthy**

**Opposite  
Condemnation**





# THINK ON THESE THINGS

Philippians 4:8



Finally, brothers,  
whatever is **true**  
whatever is **noble**  
whatever is **right**  
whatever is **pure**  
whatever is **lovely**  
whatever is **admirable**  
—if anything is **excellent**  
or **praiseworthy**  
—think about such things.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

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*Just live it.*

**But be doers of the word,  
and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.**

**James 1:22 (New King James Version)**



You're not what you think you  
are,

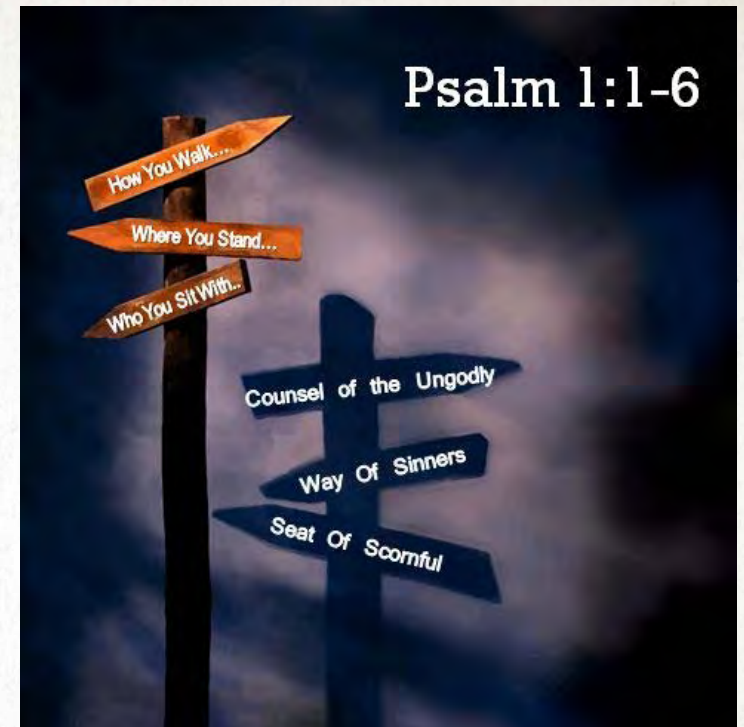
**But what you think you are!**





**Meditate - Think**





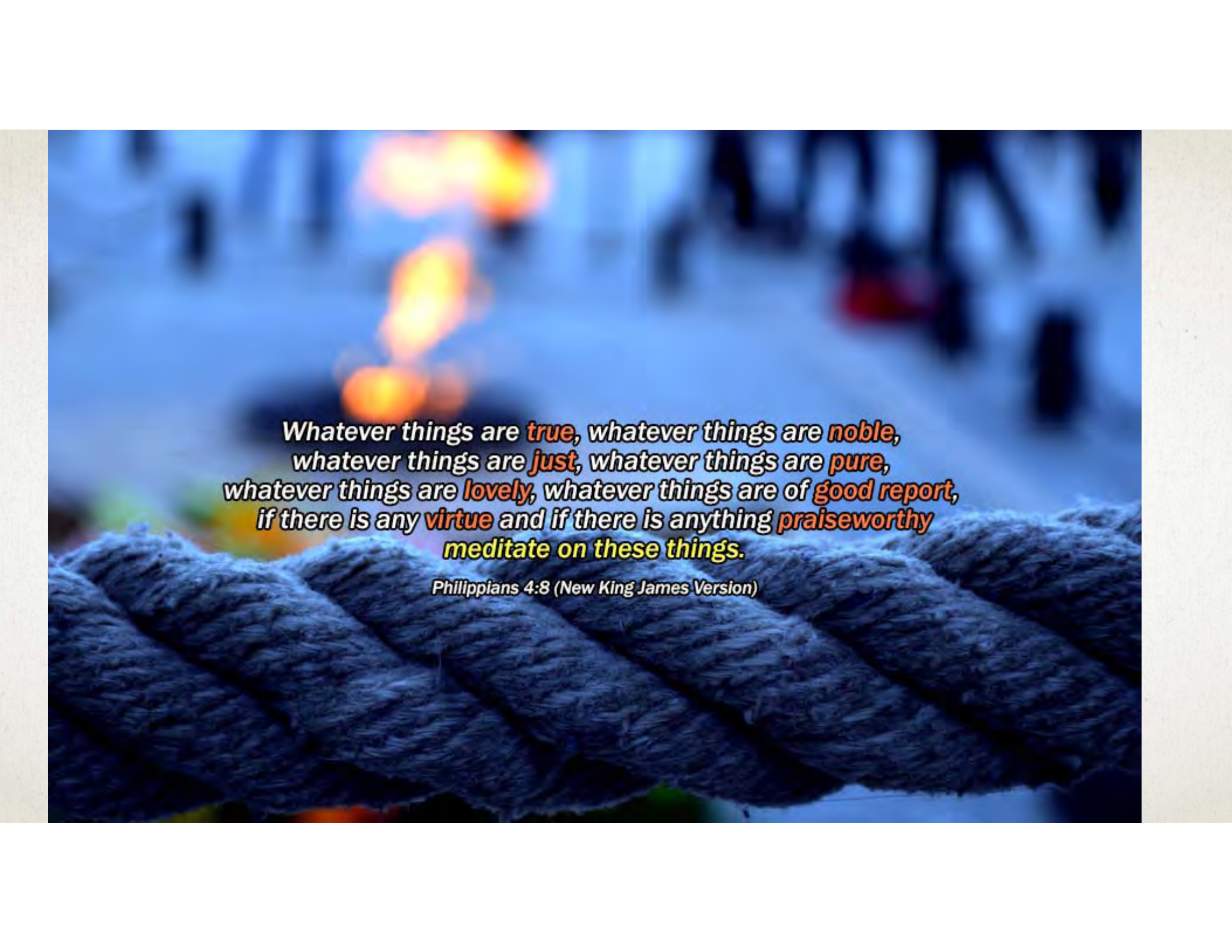
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